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**RESPONSE TO JANUARY 14, 2004 OFFICE ACTION
(37 CFR §1.111)**

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Commissioner for Patents
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In Response to the Office Action of January 14, 2004, reconsideration of the rejections and further examination of the application are requested.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

The period for response is hereby extended ONE month to expire May 14, 2004 by this Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time. The appropriate petition fee of \$55 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims (37 CFR §1.21(c)):

Please amend claim 1 as follows. Changes in the claim's content are indicated in the accompanying Amendment Sheet illustrating the amended claim and marking the changes made therein.

1. **[AMENDED]** A multi-purpose hiking and fishing tool comprising:
 - a. a shaft extending between a handle end and an opposing tip end, wherein:
 - (1) the handle end has a grip defined thereon;
 - (2) the shaft includes:
 - (a) at least one hook integrally attached to the shaft;
 - (b) several base arms provided thereon, each base arm being spaced from a corresponding strap cleat on the shaft, whereby a container having a base supported on the base arm may be secured to the

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